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To the Citizens of
GILES COUNTY.

I have been sent by order of Gen'l. A. S. Johnson to your county for the purpose of impressing 236 able bodied negro men into the service of the Confederate States to complete the fortifications around Nashville. I have selected two or three good citizens from each district to assist me in this duty, and have given them the number required their respective districts. It is hoped the people will respond readily to this necessity, as it is ordered by Gen'l. Johnson solely for their protection; should however they refuse to comply with this order, troops will be sent to carry it out. An overseer can be sent with each 75 negroes, who will be allowed $50 per month. They will be provided by their masters with clothing and cooking utensils. They will be provisioned by the Engineer, who will give certificates of the time they are kept, as evidence of a future claim against the Government.

Let them be sent to the most convenient depot upon the Rail Road on next Thursday and Saturday mornings, to go down on the morning train.

JOHN OVERTON, Jr.

Lieut. C. S. A.

Jan. 31st, 1862.

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